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Welcome to the December edition of "Evaluation News: Expanding Knowledge Through Information Exchange." The E-newsletter provides evaluation information to states on a regular basis using technology to promote information exchange and enhance capacity to access the research and evaluation community.



BJA EVALUATION WEB SITE !!

The front page for the BJA Center for Program Evaluation Web Site has been updated to present information in a more efficient and user-friendly manner and has new resources including:

- * About the BJA Center for Program Evaluation
- * BJA Required Performance Measures

Visit the updated web site at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/>.

NATIONAL AND STATE EVALUATION NEWS

GPS MONITORING OF SEX OFFENDERS

The New Jersey State Parole Board has released initial results from a study of GPS monitoring for its highest-risk sex offenders. The study entitled, *Report on New Jersey's GPS Monitoring of Sex Offenders*, examines the impact of GPS monitoring on recidivism rates for 225 sex offenders. Preliminary results suggest that when compared to nationwide data for sex offenders, the use of GPS monitoring in New Jersey has contributed to a lower recidivism rate for its sex offenders.

<http://www.state.nj.us/parole/gps.pdf>.

PRISONER REENTRY

MDRC has produced a working paper presenting early results from an evaluation of an employment program for ex-prisoners. *Transitional Jobs for Ex-Prisoners: Early Impacts from a Random Assignment Evaluation of the Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO) Prisoner Reentry Program*, presents comparison data on outcomes for the sample and control groups for a one year period.

<http://www.mdrc.org/publications/468/full.pdf>.

Useful resources for planning and implementing program evaluations and for developing program performance measures are available at:

The BJA Center for Program Evaluation Web Site
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/index.html>

UPCOMING CONFERENCES & TRAININGS***THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA)***

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) will host four conferences for its 2008 Regional Conference Series.

During each conference, JRSA staff will conduct a workshop entitled "Performance Measurement and Program Management" and offer evaluation consulting. Conference attendees who have questions about evaluation or selecting performance measures, will be able to sign up at our cyber clinic table for 30 minute one-on-one consulting sessions. Attendees will have live access to the Center for Program Evaluation Web Site at our cyber clinic and will be able to interact with JRSA staff.

Visit the BJA web site for a complete list of the regional conference locations, agenda, and registration information.
<http://www.bjaregionalmeetings.com/>.

To view past editions of the newsletter, visit

The BJA Center for Program Evaluation

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/e-news.htm>.

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